

REMARKS

Reexamination and reconsideration of this application as amended is respectfully requested.

In the Specification, paragraph [003] has been amended to reflect the Government's interest in the application.

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of Claim 4 and has also been amended for consistency of terms and for grammar. Claims 2, 6 and 7 have been amended for consistency of terms and for grammar.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. 103(a): Claims 1, 3 and 9.

Claims 1, 3 and 9 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over RU 2081727, and further in view of RU 2048268.

Response

Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of Claim 4. Accordingly, the rejection has been overcome by the amendment.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. 103(a): Claims 2 and 5-8

Claims 2 and 5-8 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over RU 2081727, and further in view of RU 2048268, and further view of U.S. Patent 4,088,176 to Simons.

Response

Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of Claim 4. Claims 2 and 5-8 depend from Claim 1. Claims 2 and 5-8 therefore contain all of the limitations of Claim 1 as amended. Accordingly, it is believed that the rejection has been overcome by the amendment.

Objection:

Claim 4

Examiner has objected to Claim 4. Examiner states that Claim 4 would be held allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Response

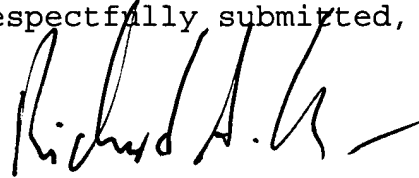
Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of Claim 4. Claim 4, now redundant, has been cancelled. Accordingly, it is believed that the objection to Claim 4 has been overcome by the amendment.

Conclusion

Allowance of Claims 1-3 and 5-9 is respectfully requested.

No additional fee is required.

Respectfully submitted,

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